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FOL TEL SENT ACTION SAIGON FROM BIEN HOA DTD APRIL 24, 1973,
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BIEN HOA 0088

1. COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN MR3 WAS AT A VERY LOW LEVEL DURING THE 24- HOUR PERIOD ENDING 0800 HOURS 24 APRIL. ONLY 8 INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE REGION, 4 ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF) EXCEEDING 20 ROUNDS, AND 4 GROUND CONTACTS. TON LE CHAM BASE CAMP RECEIVED 133 ROUNDS OF ASSORTED MORTAR AND ROCKET FIRE, WOUNDING 2 ARVN RANGERS. COMMUNISTS USING LOUDSPEAKERS ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE RANGERS AT TON LE CHAM TO DESERT, AND ASKED THE CAMP COMMANDER TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PRG COMMANDER BY RADIO ON 24 APRIL. THE RANGERS IRCORED THE MESSAGE.

2. IN TAY NINH PROVINCE, THE 373 RD RF COMPANY RECEIVED 40 ROUNDS OF 61 MM AND 82 MM MORTAR FIRE 10 KMS NORTHWEST OF KHIEM HANH DISTRICT TOWN, WOUNDING 1 RF SOLDIER. THE ARVN 49 TH REGIMENT RECEIVED 40 ROUNDS OF 82 MM MORTAR FIRE FOLLOWED BY A GROUND ALBACK 13 KMS NORTHWEST OF KHIEM HANH DISTRICT TOWN. RESULTS WERE 1 COMMUNIST KILLED AND NO FRIENDLY
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CASUALTIES.

3. MINOR GROUND CONTACTS WERE REPORTED IN LONG KHANH AND HAU NGHIA PROVINCES. TOTAL CASUALTIES FROM THESE CONTACTS WERE 2 FRIENDLY KILLED, 1 WOUNDED AND 1 COMMUNIST KILLED.

4. CONCERNING PARA 8 OF SAIGON 5978, THE ICCS REGION V CANDEL CHIEF TELLS US THAT THE POLES DID DEPLOY TO THE AN LOC SUB- REGIONAL SITE WITH THE OTHER DELEGATIONS ON APRIL 5; FURTHER, THE POLES DO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT ALL TEAM SITES IN REGION V, INCLUDING AN LOC AND BEN CAT. THE ONLY TEAM SITE NOT YET FULLY STAFFED IS XA MAT. THE BILLETS THERE ARE READY FOR OCCUPANCY, BUT THE TEAM CANNOT MOVE IN WHILE THE RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF ICCS HELICOPTERS REMAINS IN EFFECT.

5. ALL ICCS REGION V DELEGATION CHIEFS ARE CHOPPERING TO AN LOC APRIL 24 TO CHECK ON CONDITIONS THERE, AND TO RESUPPLY THE SUB- REGIONAL TEAM. THE REGIONAL CANDEL CHIEF IS PUSHING THE OTHER DELEGATIONS TO ORDER THE AN LOC TEAM TO PAY ITS FIRST VISIT TO PHUOC LONG PROVINCE THIS FRIDAY.

6. NEW HEIGHTS OF AUDACIOUS OBSTRUCTIONISM WERE REACHED DURING AN ICCS INVESTIGATION IN TAY NINH OF AN ALLEGED COMMUNIST SHELLING INCIDENT. A HUNGARIAN OFFICER WAS STANDING IN A SHELL CRATER COMMENTING ON THE ABSENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF AN ATTACK. A CANADIAN NAIVELY ASKED, " HOW ABOUT THAT SHELL CRATER YOU' RE STANDING IN?" THE HUNGARIAN RESPONDED, " WHAT SHELL CRATER? THE VIETNAMESE DUG THIS TO PLANT A TREE*" WALKINSHAW UNQUOTE BUNKER

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